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TO: Iowa Medicaid Nursing Facilities (NF) and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/ID) and Hospice Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC) Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Nursing Facility FFS Rate Information and Long-Term Care (LTC) Compilation Reports

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

Nursing facility Medicaid FFS rate information reports, including case-mix data, will be available on the DHS [Nursing Facility Rates](#)¹ web page on a quarterly basis. The nursing facility rate reports are broken down into quarterly sections. The reports will be posted shortly after rates are mailed to providers. The reports include:

- **Cumulative Rate Listing:** Medicaid rates by NF beginning July 1, 2014, through the current rate quarter.
- **Final Rate Summary:** NF rate file listing for each NF for the current rate quarter.
- **Case Mix Index:** Case mix index used for current rates.
- **Cumulative Case Mix:** Case mix index from quarter beginning January 1, 2004, through current.
- **RUG Distribution Comparison:** Comparison of statewide distribution of NF residents between the 34-resource utilization groups (RUGs) for the current and previous quarter.

Hospice providers can use the Final Rate Summary report as a tool to determine the per diem rate based on the location of the NF. Please contact the NF directly to confirm rates.

In addition to the above reports, the annual LTC compilation reports of costs and other statistical data using data from the cost reports for [NFs](#)² and [ICF/IDs](#)³ will also be available online. These reports are used to establish statewide reimbursement limits and to evaluate changes in cost that can be used to assist the legislature and the department in determining fiscal impacts to proposed changes and in developing budgets.

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting Unit at 1-866-863-8610, Monday- Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by email at costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/nfr>

² https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/NF_COMPILATION.xlsx

³ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/ICF_ID_COMPILATION.xlsx